

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2026
10:30 a.m.

“Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.” --Psalm 96:9

“...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” --John 4:23

“What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” --Shorter Catechism

Welcome to Westminster!

Prelude: “God of Our Fathers” *arr.* McDonald

Greeting Ruling Elder Scott Winter

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: “O Worship the King” Hymn # 52

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or by calling the church office at (228) 864-3143.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn # 310

*Confession of Faith: “The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

The Offertory: Variation on “America” *arr.* Giamanco

*Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible p. 1159

Sermon: “Behold Your King! - His Rule” Rev. Albert Bisson

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Call to Confession I John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, We confess that we have turned away from your light to follow our own desires. We have broken your commandments, ignored your voice, and failed to love those around us. Our hearts are prone to wander, and we are unworthy of the grace you so freely offer. Yet, you invite us to this table of remembrance and renewal. Wash us clean through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Heal our brokenness, quiet our anxieties, and restore the joy of our salvation. May this holy meal strengthen us to live as your faithful servants, today and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

*Hymn of Commitment: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn # 223

*Benediction Rev. Albert Bisson

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “And Can It Be” *arr.* McDonald

**If you are able, please stand.*



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2026 Sanctuary Flower sign up list is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Fresh flowers are a beautiful addition to our sanctuary and help enhance our worship each week. Members are encouraged to sign up to sponsor the weekly flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones, or simply to the glory of God.

We welcome to the pulpit today our new Stated Supply, the Reverend Albert Bisson. He comes to us most recently from Mississippi State University, where he taught in the Philosophy and Religion Department for over 20 years. He was named the 2011 Outstanding Honors Program Faculty Member by the MSU Honors Council. He holds degrees in biology and education (he taught college biology for 13 years) from the University of Manchester, as well as master's degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He was ordained in 1990 and has served as the pastor of a Reformed Baptist Church near Starkville for the past twenty six years. Originally from England, the Reverend Bisson and his wife, Jenny, now live in Biloxi. They have three married children and two grandchildren.

Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. Professional childcare is available in our nursery during worship. Restrooms are located down the main hall, and there is an emergency exit at the front right of the sanctuary. We encourage your prayer requests and questions about our family of faith's mission and ministry. Please see a greeter or an Elder if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship - July 5, 2026

Name(s): _____

Member First Time Visitor Return Visitor

For our visitors:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I would like a call from the pastor (please list phone number above).
 I would like information on becoming an active member of Westminster.
 I would be willing to provide supper for LifeHouse Youth when meeting.

Prayer Requests: _____

Would you like a prayer card sent? Yes* No

Please send address for prayer card to office@gulfportchurch.org.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Prayer Group: Tuesday, July 7 at 10 a.m.

Pastor Search Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 6 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m.

Session Meeting: Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m.

Highlands and Islands: Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Westminster Diners Club: will gather on July 11 at 11:00 a.m.

for a belated July 4th cookout at the home of Mark and Teresa Alspaugh located at 9808 Sanctuary Blvd., Ocean Springs, MS. Bring a dish to share!

Please RSVP to Teresa at 615-423-5653

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library

Study is on 1 John, led by Ted Hammer

Children's & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the CE Building

LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, July 12 and 19, 5-7 p.m.

Financial Report (YTD through May 31, 2026)

2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$123,496.64
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$131,403.29
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 5,045.68
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 475.00

Rev. Albert Bisson, Interim Pastor
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Lynda Gary	Mark Alspaugh	Pete Bloss
Discipleship Formation	Stewardship & Finance	Nominating
Scott Winter	Ben Stone	Patrick Gann
Asst. Clerk and Worship	Personnel	Missions
	Pat West	Robert Wood
	Congregational Life	Property

STAFF

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
 Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
 Jeanie Pollard, Organist
 Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
 Angela Hudson, Nursery Care

OTHER CHAIRS

Sam Clark
 Outreach
 Valarie Hammer
 Hospitality
 Chip Westbrook,
 Personnel Committee

Westminster's Mission Partners

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| Boy Scout Troop 209 | Cub Scout Pack 209 |
| Feed My Sheep | Girl Scout Troop 3542 |
| Good News Jail & Prison Ministry | Gulf Coast Rescue Mission |
| GHS Counselors' Fund | Genesis Project |
| Pass Road Elem. Counselors' Fund | Bethel Free Health Clinic |
| GCMS Counselors' Fund | French Camp Academy |
| Medical Benevolence Foundation | MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti |
| Foundation for Reformed Theology | Kindness Foundation |
| Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan | Belhaven University |

Duty Elder
 Ben Stone



This Week's Birthday

July 11 – Sarah Ellzey

Missions Spotlight for July:



French Camp Academy

In 1884, Presbyterian churches established a school for girls at French Camp, Mississippi. That same academic year, a boys' school was started and named French Camp Academy. Today, FCA is an interdenominational ministry for students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, FCA is a Christ-centered boarding and day school serving young people for the glory of God – helping them mature academically, athletically, socially, and emotionally within a Christian worldview.

DR. & MRS. C. A. WALKER, JR.



The Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Walker, Jr. Scholarship Foundation is receiving applications for scholarships to individuals attending college. Applications must be received by July 20, 2026. Applicants are invited to apply

by sending a scholarship request along with your college plans to:

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker, Jr. Scholarship Foundation
 c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5005 Lawson Ave., Gulfport, MS 39507



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